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Photo by Mark Arike

Jack Fallis and his dog race down the track in the kid and mutt race on March 5.

Wanted Toronto man found dead in Highlands East

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

A man wanted in connection with a Toronto child pornography investigation was found dead in Highlands East on Monday.

Darren Padilla, 47, was found by Haliburton Highlands OPP after they responded to a sudden death call on Telephone Bay Road, between Haliburton and Gooderham. The call came at 9:30 a.m.

Prov. Const. Sean Hawley could not comment beyond noting that Padilla's death is a Toronto police matter, and the local detachment is only assisting.

Victor Kwong, media relations officer with Toronto Police Services (TPS), confirmed that officers from the local OPP did not suspect foul play, and are not treating the death as suspicious.

"By the time the body was identified, and they notified us, they realized it was the

guy that we were looking for," Kwong said, adding Padilla's family have been notified and that TPS will be closing the case.

Investigators from the TPS child exploitation unit conducted a property search last Thursday in Toronto, and then issued a press release alerting the public that Padilla was considered armed and dangerous and should not be approached.

Padilla was accused of accessing and storing images and videos of the sexual abuse of

children on his computer. He was wanted on two counts of possession of child pornography and one count of accessing child pornography.

In 1995, Padilla pleaded guilty to two counts of mischief after a woman saw him hiding in the holding tank of an outhouse at the Warsaw Caves campground.

Padilla, formerly known as Darren Laite, was a full-time Toronto Transit Commission employee, who was known to have access to firearms.

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Highlander news

Chamber parts ways with Rosemarie Jung

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Rosemarie Jung and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce have parted ways.

Chamber president, Jerry Walker, confirmed in an interview with The Highlander that Jung, the former manager, is no longer employed by the Chamber.

An announcement to that effect had been made on Friday, March 4. Walker said he had called a meeting to discuss several items, including Jung's position at the

chamber.

The in-camera meeting lasted several hours. Walker refused to specify exactly what was discussed.

"Normally, in-camera meetings are done when the board dismisses the staff from a meeting, leaving only board members to openly discuss a subject," he said.

We feel this decision is in the best interest of our members and volunteers in order to move the organization forward.

Jerry Walker
Chamber president

They are usually held to discuss items regarding property, financial issues or personnel matters.

Walker said an "accumulation of events," relating to the items discussed at the meeting, resulted in the meeting being held in-camera.

The chamber's next board meeting will be

March 22, where the now-vacant manager's position will be discussed further.

The initial press release about Jung said, "We feel this decision is in the best interest of our members and volunteers in order to move the organization forward."

"Rosemarie has worked at the chamber for a number of years," Walker said. "We worked well together, and we wish her well in her future endeavours."

Jung, who was the chamber's manager since 2012, could not be reached for comment.

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Highlander news



Photo via Haliburton Forest website

Three buildings have been ordered to be torn down within 30 days of the court ruling.

Haliburton Forest told to take down buildings

Judge says lack of building permits a “flagrant and unjustified violation” of code

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve has been ordered to demolish several buildings and building extensions by an Ontario court.

Court records show that on Feb. 2, Ontario Superior Court Justice Guy P. Di Tomaso rejected Haliburton Forest’s request for an order to the Township of Dysart et al, and its chief building official Dan Sayers, to issue a retroactive building permit for the addition to the Logging Museum on Redkenn Road. The museum was constructed without a permit in summer 2014.

As well, Haliburton Forest’s request for a declaration that no building permit was needed for the EcoLog Mill and Stocking Lake structures was also rejected.

The Chip Processing Plant, the addition to the sawmill and the Echo Log Mill – which were all constructed without a building permit – were ordered to be demolished within 30 days of the court ruling.

The court has also ordered Haliburton Forest to cancel plans for any music festivals, concerts or any type of public assembly at the Logging Museum.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told *The Highlander* in an email that council is reviewing the court order and discussing how to proceed.

“It is clear by the decision that there was

a violation under the Ontario Building Code. Dan Sayers has an obligation to ensure the code is followed to ensure health and safety of the public,” he said.

In his ruling, Justice Di Tomaso said Haliburton Forest should have applied for a change of use permit when it began using the Logging Museum as a venue for public events like the summer music festival during summer 2014.

In a Nov. 12, 2014 email to Peter Schleifenbaum, owner and manager of Haliburton Forest, Sayers said he could not issue a building permit for the addition to the Logging Museum due to incomplete site plans and illegible engineering plans.

In his response, Schleifenbaum said the change of use to the museum was only temporary and a change of use permit wasn’t necessary.

Di Tomaso concluded that Haliburton Forest’s failure and refusal to obtain building permits for all of the structures in question was a “flagrant and unjustified violation of the Ontario Building Code Act.”

He added that he agreed with Sayers that the major construction and lack of proper site plans have “rendered it impossible for the chief building official to now assess much of the construction and carry out his responsibilities for inspection under both the Act and the Code.”

The Highlander made numerous attempts to contact Schleifenbaum, but phone calls and emails were not returned.



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Editorial opinion

Hooray for new business

We get excited when new businesses pop up in our county.

The potential for year-round employment opportunities and products or services that attract and retain cottagers can be motivating for those of us who call this our home.

The Aurora family, owners of the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre, are buying the Wigamog Inn in Haliburton. The purchase has everyone talking.

The inn itself sits on more than 40 acres of prime real estate on Kashagawigamog Lake. It includes two in-ground pools, two playgrounds, tennis courts and fitness trails. It is also home to the renowned Moose Bar & Grill restaurant.

The Auroras also announced plans for a gas station, a self-serve or touch-less car wash and – wait for it – a medical centre.

It sounds like a win-win scenario for the Highlands.

And it's not just the Aurora family. Andy and Sunny Oh, co-owners of Maple Avenue Tap & Grill, have acquired space for a new restaurant on Highland Street in Haliburton. At the same time, Mike McFadden is opening a new butcher shop, McFadden's Meat Market, on Hops Drive in the old M&M space and Anna and Mike Vince opened Clothes Encounters of the Thrift Kind on Bobcaygeon Road in Minden.

All these new businesses got me thinking: we all know it's hard to keep small businesses open. Is it because rents are higher in the Highlands than

in other small communities? Is supply and demand different than in bigger towns or cities? Or is it a combination of the two?

There are more than one million businesses in Canada, and of them, 98 per cent are classified as small. On average, 115,000 new small businesses are established annually.

In 2011, CBC News polled thousands of entrepreneurs about their biggest challenge. Fifty-one per cent said cash flow. That says to me that it's hard to start a venture, no matter where you decide to do it. Marketing, work-life balance and managing staff were the other major concerns.

But while many challenges are universal, here we have the added complication of seasonality. Building a business that can serve four times the population in the summer and then scale back to survive the winter isn't easy. Doing it every year could give any business owner whiplash.

And yet they do. They take the risk – planned and calculated, to be sure, but risk all the same – to build their futures and ours. The sum of these ventures is the economy of our communities. We all benefit.

The Auroras and other business owners have seen opportunity here, as have many before them who took a chance and followed their dreams. I look forward to visiting all of these new businesses and showing my support.



By Jennifer Hughey

Thinking beyond the obvious

In our daily lives, we tend to spew a lot of rhetoric, stuff we say or respond to that's really not thought out, or even very interesting. I'm not implying that we have any negative intentions in what we say, just that we don't really think about our responses very much. When people ask how your day's going or how your life's been, the response is sincere, but not particularly thought-provoking. It's typically just a knee jerk reaction, a canned answer to repetitive question.

There is no real crime when talking about the weather or about "those fools up in Ottawa," but it becomes a slightly different issue when these responses deal with a deeper, more serious and more meaningful issue. I'm referring to those statements we make and hear that also seem to have become part of the rhetoric; think about the national anthem, for example. When you hear it, how deeply do you really think about it? On specific days like Remembrance Day, sure, it hits deeper, but in general we tend to not put a huge amount of deep thought into these things.

That got me to thinking about the very commonplace sentiment of "thanking our troops," which of course is appropriate and well-deserved, but often has the same depth of sentiment as when you say "ladies and gentlemen" to start a speech. It's part of social parlance, but not really – in my mind at least – respected on the level it deserves to be.

Same goes for thanking first responders. I don't really think we appreciate their jobs and their lives on the level we should. Yes, we all know "it's a difficult job," and, "it takes a very special person to do that work," but I think it's more us just admitting it's something we couldn't do, rather than about attempting to understand exactly what it is they do.

My brother-in-law (as an example) is a paramedic, and because of his emotional proximity to me, I hear a lot about what he goes through. There's also a lot he won't share with me (or anyone else for that matter). Even his own wife. Yes, he does that largely out of mutual protection, but also because it's simply

a hard thing to share, especially when it's a profession he willingly chooses to do. While he did indeed buy into it, his job is still very difficult. Even more so, without people like him how would the rest of us (literally) survive?

Same goes for other first responders of any kind, and that definition, in my book, goes beyond those who serve when life and death is directly on the line. I think – in fact I know – a similar reverence is never offered to these people. Case in point, when's the last time you thanked a utility worker or a snow plow driver?

Sure, you're possibly laughing now, thinking that their jobs certainly don't equate in importance to those other first responders. Well think again. When the power goes out, we often grumble about it, wondering when "those well-paid Hydro workers" will stop filling out the crossword puzzles long enough to get the power back on. I think we all need to realize that the storm or the wind or the inclement (and dangerous) conditions don't stop when the trucks start to roll.

I was talking to a friend of mine, who drives a plow truck for the county. My friend was telling me the kinds of dangerous conditions he often faces when doing his job. When we're all warned to stay inside and off the roads, he's one of those individuals who has to go out. It's what he does. Despite what you may think, even with chains and studs, these guys are still very much at the mercy of a blizzard or an icy road. Plow trucks have no special immunity to the weather conditions. Every time they start the truck they are facing bad conditions, otherwise, of course, they wouldn't be out there.

Think about this the next time your power is out or the road has turned into an ice rink. While it may not have the same sexiness of a soldier or a cop, their job is no less important in the big picture. And I think that deserves a little more respect and a little appreciation now and then.



By Charlie Teljeur

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Correction

In *The Highlander* issue 226, we reported in the Art Lovers Staycation story that Chris Lynd is Chair of the Arts Council. Chris is Chair of the SPARC Network Committee and volunteers with the Arts Council. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

In *The Highlander* issue 226, we reported that the Dorset Health Hub's official launch date is June 11, but the cutline incorrectly stated the date as June 1. *The Highlander* regrets this error.

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Editorial opinion

No focus at Cultural Centre

Dear editor:

It's not money that is needed for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. It's the heart of it that needs to be focused on.

In 2006, when I retired to Minden, the Cultural Centre was the heart of the community. It was where I met and became friends with many of Minden's residents. Who knew that a short time later a handful of people could destroy such a special place?

R.D. Lawrence Place was special, a part of our local history. R. D. Lawrence was the author of over 30 books on natural history and the environment, at a time when it was not popular to do so. His life work is highly regarded worldwide. He was a gentleman we should have been proud to showcase in our community. I remember the excitement of building a sustainable building and the joy volunteers found in participating in such a unique project. R.D. Lawrence Place was the heart of the Cultural Centre. It brought meaning to it. It was a place that drew you in and welcomed you. It was a place writers and artisans called home.

As one of the many volunteers, I met people from all over the world – Germany, Holland, England, Scotland, France and Spain – to name a few. Who knew the Highlands was so rich with tourists from all over the world? Thousands of visitors walked through the doors, and volunteers eagerly welcomed them. If I had a dollar for every time I heard, "Wow, I had no idea we had a gem like this in Minden." Or "This must be Minden's best-kept

secret," I would be a rich woman.

I was told by our former Reeve and the curator of the day, that they were dismantling R.D. Lawrence Place and changing its name to something that sounds like an outhouse, "Nature's Place," in order to increase its viability and attract more visitors. Well, needless to say, its viability wasn't increased, and it hasn't attracted more visitors. What did happen was horrible. The majority of the staff were terminated, and the entire sustainable building that was once R.D. Lawrence Place had its heart and soul torn out. Volunteers were no longer welcome, with comments like, "I would never give something that important to a volunteer to do." The entire focus of the Cultural Centre was destroyed, and the volunteers – and the financial donors – evaporated.

Skip ahead to 2016. Visitors are scarce. Volunteers can't be found. Fundraisers and donations that assisted with the financial upkeep of the Cultural Centre have ceased. Writers who were once welcome to launch their books and gather to share their words are ignored.

Focusing on the money won't make any difference. It is simply throwing good money after bad. It's a change of heart, a change of attitude and a change of vision that is essential. The Cultural Centre needs a heart transplant at its very core in order to survive, or all the money in the world won't help it.

Sincerely,
Irene Davidson Fisher
Minden

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Julie Miscio

Would you look at that! A deer that thinks it's a bird.

Doctor in the house

Having friends come to stay can be, how shall I put it, somewhat stressful at times. And, having a friend come visit, who has travelled across the Atlantic, adds another level of tension because your lovely wife obviously wants to make sure everything is absolutely perfect. And, having a friend to stay, who is bringing their new boyfriend, whom you've never met before, ticks another box on the anxiety scale. And, when that boyfriend is a super intelligent consultant in one of London's finest hospitals, well, we're starting to go off the chart now. And, get this – he's South African, too!

Now, I only know two other South Africans. The first was Hansie Cronje, the captain of the South African cricket team who was banned for fixing matches in that most hallowed of sports. Needless to say, I didn't like him! The second is a guy called Michael whom I met in London. He was, and probably still is, grumpy at best most of the time.

So you'll forgive me for admitting that I wasn't greatly looking forward to getting home last Friday evening, after a hard day at work, only to have to make pleasantries with our friend from England plus a stranger, and a South African at that!

I sauntered in just before dinner time, with, I have to admit, a couple of pints of Dutch courage inside me. I thought they might help the conversation flow, so to speak. I needn't have worried though because Marius (that is the South African chap's name) was a perfect gentleman, and a fellow, who obviously liked to oil his vocal chords just like I do.

'This might not be too bad', I thought, as I settled into the evening and popped the cap off another one.

Dinner was served – a wonderful homemade curry, vegetarian for our friend, meat for us and Marius – and eaten with relish. No sooner had we cleared the table than my new mate Marius suggested we play a spot of ping pong. Now, I've only had the table for a couple of months (and I now understand why everyone around here has a basement!) He must have spied it before my arrival, so the challenge was accepted and the night went from good to better as we pinged, ponged and finished off a couple of bottles of red wine.

I was beginning to really like this guy.

However, things were to take a turn.

For the better.

My lovely wife had planned a Saturday of dogsled race spectating and cross-country

skiing. Marius was up for both, with a couple of provisos: chicken wings and beer for lunch and ribs for dinner. 'This guy's a keeper,' I thought.

I have to admit that cross-country skiing following chicken wings and beer is, on reflection, probably not the best scheduling, but we struggled through it safe in the knowledge that it would soon be time to settle into a couple of cans of pre-dinner aperitifs, followed by my lovely wife's super succulent pork ribs.

Sunday morning dawned, just as Little Z shook me awake, and, whoa, my head felt like someone had driven slowly back and forth over it with an ATV. When Marius appeared a couple of hours later, (at a more reasonable hour to be getting up on a Sunday morning – thanks son!) he too looked somewhat befuddled, but, give the man his due, he immediately asked when we were going to do what we'd discussed the evening before.

My foggy brain lurched into gear and slowly scrolled back over our conversation...

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Even with a mind-bending headache, how could I refuse? And so, after a saunter through the sparkly white bush to clear our heads

(it didn't work), ear protection was donned to dull the pain, and we set to like good ol' boys and shot guns, everything from the BB gun to a shot gun and the 30 30. We shot cans and woodchuck targets, we even got the skeets out and shot at bright orange disc shaped ducks.

Some two hours later we'd killed enough skeets and pop cans to satiate our hangover-induced blood lust, and it was about time for Marius and our friend from England to leave. As they left, he asked directions to 'that place with the great steaks' and I pointed him towards Norm's Smokehouse with a grin.

"What are you smiling at?" he asked, in his broad South African accent.

I laughed and said: "Chicken wings, beer, ping pong, ribs, skiing, shooting stuff and steak... For a guy who was born on the other side of the world, you sure know how to do it Haliburton style!"

He grinned back and said: "Yeah, it's just like being back in South Africa."



By Will Jones

The Outsider

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: What are your plans for the March Break?



Martin Gage

Haliburton

I'll be at home spending a lot of time with my son.



Caden Little

Haliburton

I'm going to go fishing at Soyers Lake with friends.



Jake O'Neill

Eagle Lake

I'm going to try and go snowboarding at Sir Sam's.



Miranda Smith

Haliburton

I'm going to Elmira, Ontario with my dad and then Keswick with my grandmother.



Lily-Rose Drain

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I'm having my friend from Minden come over for March break.

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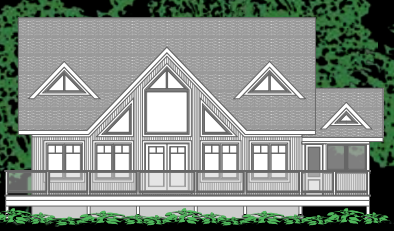

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OPP in brief

Peterborough man charged for stealing vehicle

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

Peter Bittner of Peterborough was arrested and charged with theft of a motor vehicle after Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) recovered a stolen vehicle in the Head Lake parking lot.

Haliburton Highlands OPP began an investigation into the stolen vehicle, which was found at the Head Lake parking lot on Jan. 7.

Peterborough police told the OPP officers that they were investigating a vehicle theft from a parking lot on Jameson Drive in Peterborough on Jan. 7.

Bittner is also charged with driving while disqualified, failing to comply with a probation order and driving while suspended.

He has been released and is scheduled to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 6.

Teen charged with assault and other offences

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Several charges have been laid against a 19-year-old Bobcaygeon man after police responded to a dispute on March 4.

OPP officers from the City of Kawartha Lakes detachment arrived at a residence in Bobcaygeon around 6:30 p.m., according to OPP Const. Jackie Hildenbrand. Police determined that a person had been assaulted and property, damaged — and that the victim and suspect were known to each other.

Mason Mahoney has been charged with assault, uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, mischief over \$5,000 and mischief under \$5,000.

Mahoney is scheduled to appear at the Lindsay courthouse on March 31.

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Highlander business

Pinestone Resort owners purchase Wigamog Inn

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

The Aurora family has added another property to its portfolio.

This time it's the historic Wigamog Inn – a landmark that was once the county's top tourism destination, but has been sitting vacant for more than five years. The Auroras plan to breathe new life into the resort and open part of it this summer.

The family, who purchased Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre last August, announced the news last Friday.

"We wished to have the Wigamog so we could put it [and the Pinestone] all together," said Vince Aurora. "It will give better support to tourism and to the economy of the town."

Located off County Road 21, just a few minutes from downtown Haliburton, Pinestone has trail access to the Wigamog property, which faces Lake Kashagawigamog.

"We're also looking at using the Wigamog site as our leisure waterfront for the resort," added John Teljeur, general manager of the Pinestone.

They plan on re-establishing Moose Bar & Grill, a restaurant that overlooks the lake. It, along with some rooms, could open mid-summer.

Last April, *The Highlander* reported that local landscaper, Gary Bouwmeister, had purchased the 41-acre property, which includes several cottage rental units, playgrounds and other amenities. However, the sale didn't close, and it went back on the

market, according to real estate agent Linda Baumgartner of The Haliburton Real Estate Team.

The property was listed for \$800,000, but Aurora wouldn't reveal what he paid.

"It will close in a few months," he said.

Until that time, it is hard for Aurora to comment about renovations or rebuilding, he said. A full assessment must first be completed before those decisions can be made.

"The big thing is we're going to try to protect as much of the historical value of Wigamog," said Teljeur. "But the reality is that it's a new chapter for that property."

After receiving a tour of the property and doing a "quick assessment," Teljeur said it appears the building that houses the restaurant is in good shape, but the main lodge is in disrepair.

He believes the main building has been around since the 1900s.

It is unknown whether the Auroras will rename the property. It's also too early to tell just how many jobs will be created, but Teljeur estimates it could employ as many as 10 to 20 people if it opens this summer.

"Hopefully more," said Aurora.

In its heyday, back in the 1980s, Teljeur recalls 60 to 100 people were employed by the resort. A rumour circulating in those days was that the Wigamog was interested in buying the Pinestone, he said.

The Auroras became interested in Wigamog after purchasing Pinestone. Teljeur recommended they take a look at it.

"It's the waterfront, number one," said Aurora, speaking about the property. "I think what I love most is putting the two [resorts] together in one."

The Auroras also announced they will start building a plaza with a gas station and touchless car wash this spring near the Pinestone. Located adjacent to County Road 21, the space will eventually be home to a chemical-free drycleaners, restaurant and a medical facility.

A dilapidated building currently occupies the space, which was once the site of Bennett Motors. The demolition of the building will begin in April, said Teljeur.

Aurora said it would be May or June before the gas station is running.

"We're going to have a coffee shop ... it's been decided, but we still can't say it yet," he said.

An artist's rendering on a sign front of the Bennett Motors site shows three separate buildings. The spaces will be leased to individuals who will operate the businesses.

As for the medical facility, the family is looking at filling current needs that aren't being met.

"The idea is to try to help the community by providing a facility that brings in a service like [diagnostic imaging, for

example]," said Teljeur. Preliminary discussions have taken place with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation to get a better sense of what the priorities should be, he said.

Other family members include Aurora's son, Ravi and wife, Sumita. Their company, Aurora Hotel Group, also owns the Four Points by Sheraton in Brantford and the Holiday Inn Express and Suites Huntsville.

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Highlander health

HHHS waiting for news on funding from province

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The province is planning on increasing funding to hospitals by \$345 million in 2016.

However, it isn't yet known exactly how health care facilities in Haliburton and Minden will benefit from the budget increase, said Carolyn Plummer, interim CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS).

"It will be a while before we know the specific information," said Plummer during a board meeting on March 2. "We don't know what the trickle down will end up

looking like."

As part of the Budget announcement on Feb. 29, the Ontario government announced a one per cent increase in base funding "to provide better patient access to high-quality health services," according to a report.

Plummer added the increase to base funding will be helpful to the organization for the upcoming fiscal year. The government has promised to invest more money in long-term care, but what that will look like for the area's two facilities – Hyland Crest in Minden and Highland Wood in Haliburton – is also unknown, she said.

The Budget promised an increase in funding to small northern and rural hospitals. These hospitals will receive \$7.5 million in addition to Ontario's \$20 million Small and Rural Hospital Transformation Fund, according to a press release.

"Again, we don't know specifically what that amount will look like or what it will mean for us. We are one of those hospitals. We're hoping that's going to be a benefit for us."

In 2015-16, HHHS received \$8.6 million in funding from the Central East Local Health Integration Network.

Ladies Auxiliary contributes to hospital purchase

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

Haliburton Highland Health Services now has a new echocardiogram, thanks in part to members of the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Auxiliary members donated \$1,000 towards the new \$25,000 echocardiogram at the Haliburton hospital.

Before their annual appreciation luncheon on March 3, 15 of the group's 38 members gathered at Win Yeung Chinese Restaurant in Haliburton for a photo with Dale Walker, executive director of the

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF). The funds were



Photo by Mark Arike

Cheryl James, president of the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary, far left, and secretary treasurer Mary Hambly, second from left, along with members of the auxiliary present a \$1,000 cheque to Dale Walker, executive director of Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

presented by the Auxiliary to the HHHSF during last year's Haliburton Highlands Health Radiothon fundraiser.

Auxiliary members raised the money through 50/50 draws at the Legion breakfasts held at the Haliburton branch. They also

donated \$1,000 in proceeds to the new Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre and \$500 to Haliburton County Association for Community Living.

The machine was installed at the Haliburton hospital last November.

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March 31

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Daylight Savings

Remember to set you clock AHEAD one hour on Sunday March 13th

Notice of Special Council Meeting

Take notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 9 am in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON for the following items:

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1. Adopt a By-law for reduced load restrictions on Township roads.

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March Break Culture Club

A day camp that offers art in the morning and educational films/outdoor activities in the afternoon. Activities involve nature and heritage topics. Includes a tour of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery exhibition.

9:30 am to 3:30 pm each day. Recommended for children ages 6-10.
Cost is \$15/child/day.

Children need to bring a lunch, snacks and warm outdoor clothes.
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The art portion is instructed by Sarah Jowett. The afternoon is facilitated with staff.

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Monday March 14

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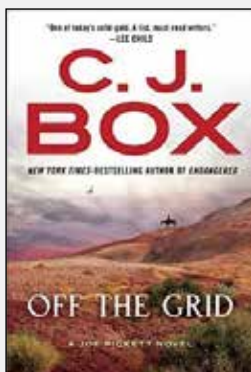
Highlander arts

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *Off the Grid* by C.J. Box
2. *The Steel Kiss* by Jeffery Deaver
3. *Fighting Dirty* by Lori Foster



HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Happiness Equation: Want Nothing + Do Anything = Have Everything* by Neil Pasricha
2. *Above the Line: My Wild Oats Adventure* by Shirley MacLaine
3. *The Killing Game: Martyrdom, Murder, and the Lure of ISIS* by Mark Bourrie

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Big Nate: Thunka, Thunka, Thunka* by Lincoln Peirce (JF graphic novel)
2. *Burning Glass* by Kathryn Purdie (YA)

AUDIO and VIDEO at HCPL

1. *Room* (DVD)
2. *Death of a Nurse* by M.C. Beaton (Book on CD)

LIBRARY NEWS

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Photo from Maayke Schurer

A shark jumps out of its polluted habitat in one of Schurer's video-art pieces.

Video art offers unique perspective

Former scientist turned artist Maayke Schurer warns about climate change

By Alex Coop
Staff writer

A paper duck floats down a river against a smoggy backdrop, telling the story of a poisoned natural habitat.

That's just a tiny excerpt from artist Maayke Schurer's video art on display at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The exhibit is called *Nature Situations*, and it reflects the world as seen by the animals inhabiting our planet, many of whom have felt the impact of climate change.

"Our consideration for the world around us is the biggest thing that has to change before anything can get better," says Schurer.

The Ottawa-based artist has a background in conservation biology, but for many years has shifted her attention towards her art.

"I have a very big concern for the environment, and I realized biology wasn't necessarily the best method for stimulating change quickly.

"We have all the information we need to

know what the problems are, but we don't have the will or compassion to make it better."

Her work's imagery is gloomy at times, but Schurer stresses the importance of the light and the whimsical, saying it helps keep viewers engaged. Almost every shot is filmed underwater, giving the final product a hazy, dream-like aesthetic that makes the plastic sharks and paper ducks seem appropriate.

The weight of the underlying message is more easily absorbed this way, she explains. Schurer says the scientific evidence behind global warming and its accelerating effects on the planet made her miserable while she was taking her degree; she graduated from Queen's University with a combined major in fine art and biology.

She decided to use art as a means to inform and inspire after getting her Master of Fine Art in 2009 from Scotland's Glasgow School of Art.

"Information can only go so far in terms of changing human behaviour," she says.

People are often desensitized to climate

change, said curator Laurie Carmount, but Schurer's videos – which include the sounds of running water, birds chirping and intense wind – resonate with viewers because of their attention to detail.

"You understand things in the video are props, but ... then you start to think, 'that shouldn't be there, those fish shouldn't have to deal with plastic in their water every day,'" she says. "It's powerful and thought provoking."

A young boy's parents had a difficult time getting their son to leave the gallery a few weeks ago. Carmount says he was mesmerized by one of Schurer's pieces, which shows whales fighting through a plastic blockade that has consumed their underwater home.

Schurer says those types of stories inspire her to continue with her work.

"I can spend hours trying to get something to work, it can even get frustrating, but it pays off when you touch people like that," she says.

Schurer currently teaches video in Ottawa, where she lives with her husband and two daughters.

Nature Situations will run until March 28.

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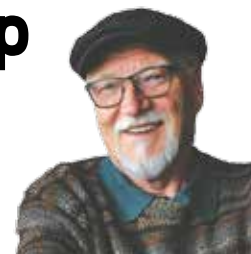
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Chamber Orchestra adds special show

What's Up



By George Farrell

We are fortunate to have The Highlands Chamber Orchestra (HCO) in our county. The HCO is a 40-member ensemble with woodwinds, brass, percussion and strings, and it has become a truly fine orchestra in a relatively short span of time.

The first performance was in 2012, and since then the group has performed annual concerts each spring and fall. Performances take place at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. The music director of the orchestra is Dan Manley, who also serves as the conductor.

The Orchestra's past performances have included: Roots, Symphonic Stories, Haliburton Goes Pop, and Classicalissimo. These performances take a great deal of practice to perfect, and rehearsals take place all year long every Friday afternoon in the high school music room. That represents an awful lot of work for just two shows.

"Well some of the parts are really quite challenging," said Manley. "Pops is easier to play, but the classics are harder. We have some experienced players, but we also have some novices."

The fact that the orchestra puts in all that work for just two shows a year came up in a recent discussion. I'm a member of a group of six male friends who meet once a month for lunch, and we discuss anything that comes to mind. We decided recently our combined skills could be put to good

use in the community, and that decision prompted Sean Pennylegion (one of our members) to come up with an idea. He's been to dress rehearsals of the HCO and loved the experience, but he thought that all the empty seats at the rehearsal could be filled with people.

And so he came up with the concept of inviting and transporting individuals with mobility and/or financial constraints, as well as seniors who live in long-term care facilities, retirement residences or on their own, to an orchestra dress rehearsal.

We all thought it was a great idea. It seemed to be a win/win scenario for those who would not otherwise get to see a performance, and also for the orchestra to play in front of one more audience.

Ever since we decided to go ahead, all our computer screens have been alight with constant emails regarding the myriad of details that go into organizing such an event. In addition to Pennylegion and me, other members of our group include Hugh Taylor, who is also a trumpet-playing member of the HCO, Neil Campbell, John du Manoir and Jim Mitchell.

When consulted about his thoughts on an audience for a dress rehearsal, Manley was totally supportive. "I thought it was a great idea for these people to get out for what amounts to a private screening, and our musicians will get a unique test run in front of another audience," he said. "It will

be a chance too, for soloists especially, to get rid of some nerves and feel a little more at ease in what will be a less formal atmosphere and it also gives me a chance to talk to the audience."

The main difference between a dress rehearsal and a formal performance is that sometimes at a dress rehearsal the orchestra is asked to stop playing during a piece so that the director can give them directions. Manley has kindly offered to include the audience in the process by explaining to them, on occasion, why he's made the stop.

This spring's performance does not yet have a title, but Manley feels that in terms of progress we are better off than in previous years.

"We're moving much faster. Individual players are better and people are better at playing with each other, and feeling at ease. And we're all really looking forward to the performance and to the dress rehearsal."

So, what can audiences expect from the upcoming HCO spring offering?

"There will be some grown-up concertos including A Night on Bald Mountain by Mussorgsky, and solos featuring main players from our orchestra," Manley said. There will also be music by composers such as Vivaldi, Saint Saens and [Cécile] Chaminade.

The dress rehearsal and the performance

will both occur on the same day, May 28, 2016.

The formal performance will take place at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which don't go on sale until May 1, can be obtained via members of the orchestra at Cranberry Cottage, 162 Highland Street in Haliburton and at Minden Pharmasave, 110 Bobcaygeon Rd. Tickets can also be purchased through the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion box office.

The dress rehearsal will happen at 10a.m. and will last for approximately two hours. There are 88 seats (five rows) available for those people who require special assistance, and there will also be room available for people in wheelchairs. It would be great if we could fill all 220 seats. There is no cost for participants, and therefore no tickets are necessary, but there will be an opportunity to donate for those who wish to do so. Those funds will go directly to the HCO.

Many of the organizations that look after the needs of seniors and/or people with disabilities are helping with the logistics and with transporting people to the dress rehearsal. People who would like to attend, but are not a member of one of these organizations, can call Sean Pennylegion at 705-457-1174 or email pennylegion@gmail.com



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Farmers Association opens public discussion

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Long-time farmers and newcomers alike “Shot the Bull” in Minden last week.

Members of Haliburton County’s small but passionate agricultural scene were treated to an information session, called, “Shoot the Bull: Haliburton Style”. The session, on agricultural production, was hosted by the Haliburton County Farmers Association (HCFA.)

Guest speakers brought a unique and informative perspective, said HCFA president, Bryan Barlow, adding he was pleased with a strong turnout at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, despite the poor weather conditions.

Speakers included: Dan Ferguson, manager of producer relations for the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO); ruminant specialist, Jillian Craig; and soil specialist, Peter Doyle

Barlow is Haliburton’s only voting representative in the BFO, an organization that represents over 19,000 beef farmers in Ontario.

“You have to be aware of many things if you decide to farm in the Canadian Shield,” he said. “You’re growing in a climate that doesn’t have the heat units of so many other places, so you have to recognize that and build your business plan accordingly. Don’t expect to grow bananas up here.”

Barlow has been running a mixed farm south of Minden on Hunter Creek Road



Photo by Dominic Labbe

Guest speaker Dan Ferguson of the BFO says a lot of farmers in the county are in the local freezer beef market.

for 10 years. He raises beef cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, and also supplies the Rhubarb Restaurant in Carnarvon with some produce.

Ferguson, who gave one-on-one advice after his 15-minute presentation, said he was glad to be a part of the event.

He presented the Four Fs of beef production: Females, Forages, Fencing and Financials, along with a brief outline of Ontario’s 20 cattle breeds. Ferguson encouraged farmers to talk to each other in order to weigh the pros and cons of each breed.

“The Haliburton landscape is very rough,”

he said, echoing Barlow. “It’s not the classic southern Ontario landscape, so you have to talk to people and do research ... find out where to put your trust.”

Smaller markets that attract local and seasonal residents in the county are worth tapping, he added.

“Quite a bit of your market could be freezer beef sold to neighbours or folks that are here during the summer,” Ferguson said.

But even small-scale producers must follow strict provincial rules.

Producers must have revenue in excess of \$7,000, and obtain a business registration number.

There are only about 24 registered farmers in the county, Barlow said, and that number is decreasing every year. Despite the challenges in Haliburton, it can be a very rewarding experience, he said.

“You can do all right ... you just have to ask questions and be smart about your business plan.”

Barlow said the small farming community in Haliburton has a strong mutual support system. He encourages people to call HCFA members directly. Their phone numbers and additional information can be found on the HCFA’s website: haliburtoncountyfarmersassociation.com

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Highlander sports



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Winners of the A event at the 32nd Annual Rockbuster on Feb. 19-21.

A Rockbuster of a bonspiel

By Jennifer Hughey
Editor

The Minden Curling Club hosted the Rockbuster Men's Open bonspiel from Feb. 19 to 21, drawing curlers from as far as Toronto to participate in the 32nd annual event.

Winners of the A event, sponsored by Harper PowerSports and Marine, was the Colliver rink from Haliburton. Team members were all Collivers: Steve, Brent, Chris and Jesse. A team from Haliburton won the B event, sponsored by Minden

Subaru. Team members were Dave Connell, Peter Byer, Ron Hamann and Eric Hussey. The C event, sponsored by Garbutt Disposal, was won by the Brian Rutherford rink from Oshawa. Other members of the team included Chris Daffern, Fred O'Neill and Ron Moore. Winners of the D event, sponsored by Dollo's Foodland, was a team from East York, including Cameron McKay, Brian Boyle, George Czindl and Rob Austin.

The next event at the Minden Curling Club is the Sweep into Spring Bonspiel March 18-19.



Photo by Mark Arike

The OPP's goalie does his best to keep the puck out of the net.

Officers and students bond on the ice

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Local OPP officers are trading in their uniforms for hockey gear as part of an annual tradition. The student/police games have been played in the county for more than 20 years.

In their first game on March 1, officers from the Haliburton Highlands detachment took on Grade 7 and 8 students from J.D. Hodgson Elementary School at A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. They were narrowly defeated 6-5.

This past Monday, they travelled to Wilberforce to face off against Wilberforce Elementary School. It was another close one, with the students coming out on top by a score of 9-7.

"It's more about fun, getting the guys out and engaged with the kids in the community," said OPP Const. Dianna Dauphinee. "It's for the kids to see that police officers are human, too."

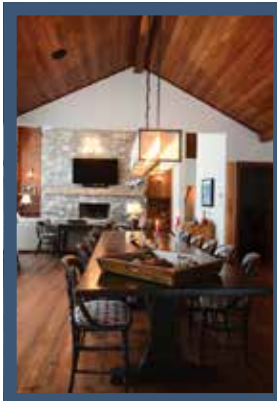
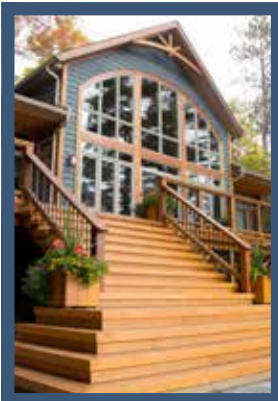
Students received commemorative hockey pucks donated by Canadian Tire in Minden. Each has an OPP sticker on them, donated by County Sign & Display in Minden. The schools received a hockey stick, also donated by Canadian Tire and signed by all of the officers.

The final game, featuring students from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, will take place at 2 p.m. on March 10 at S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

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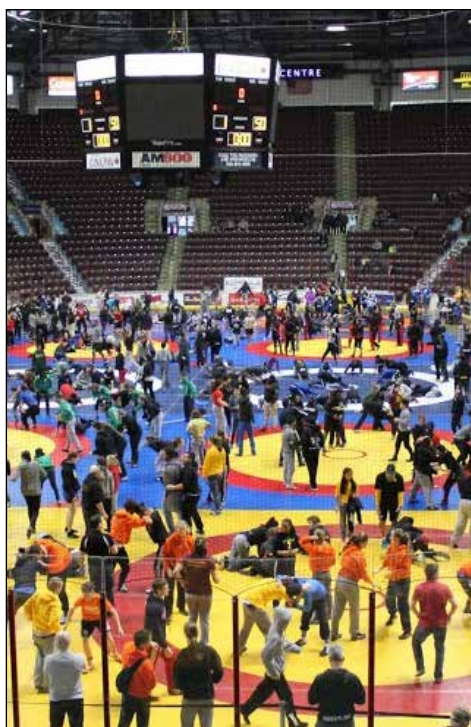


Photo by Tami Hawkins via OFSAA photos
About 800 wrestlers compete at OFSAA.

Wrestlers return from OFSAA with hopes for next year

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

There weren't any shiny medals or trophies for the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's (HHSS) wrestling team last week, but head coach Paul Klose is already excited about next year's season.

"A lot of our athletes are returning, and we hope to build on this season's success," Klose said.

Three HHSS wrestlers travelled to Windsor on March 1 and 2 to compete in the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Associations' (OFSAA) wrestling championships.

Shane O'Reilly (83 kg), Sonora Plumb (51 kg) and AJ Gillam (77 kg) each qualified for OFSAA after their strong performance at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) championship on Feb. 17 in Peterborough, Ont.

Since the wrestling program started at HHSS 12 years ago, at least one athlete has qualified for OFSAA each year.

This year, those HHSS qualifiers were only in Grade 11. Klose said the three of them have come a long way in their technique and attention to detail since the start of the season. They faced some very tough competition in Windsor, he added:

"It was good for them to see that high level of competition...Now they know what it takes to get to that next level."

Despite the fact that HHSS wrestlers don't compete in many high-end tournaments during the season, Klose said their strong work ethic and focus should translate into more success next year.

There were 800 athletes competing at OFSAA this year.

MINDEN HILLS

**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPLICATION FOR MINOR VARIANCE**

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2016

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Council Chambers 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2015059, PLMV2016005, PLMV2016009, and PLMV2016010**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

PLMW2015059 (REVISED APPLICATION) - Part of Lot 23, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, 1; municipally known as 1104 Leary's Lane; and located on Gull Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a 111 m² (1,193.5 sq.ft.) addition (81%) to the existing, non-complying, dwelling together with an increase in height of the dwelling of 3.7 m. (12'); a 16.8 m² (181 sq.ft.) addition (32%) to the existing attached deck which is located 11.9 m. (39') from the High Water Mark; and the construction of a new attached screened in porch located within the required setback from the High Water Mark; and, a 2.9 m² (30.75 sq.ft) addition to the existing, non-complying, sleeping cabin. No further encroachment towards the High Water Mark is proposed for the dwelling, deck, and the proposed screened in porch would not increase the extent of non-compliance. The proposed development would result in a lot coverage of 20.4% whereas 15% is otherwise permitted.

PLMV2016005 (REVISED APPLICATION) - Part of Lot 8 & 9, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, and being PLAN 208; LOTS 5 & 5A RP19R5322 PART 1; municipally known as 1062 Dockside Drive; and located on Davis Lake.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a new dwelling to replace the existing dwelling which is located 7.3 m. (24') from the High Water Mark. The proposed dwelling would be 80.3 sq.m. (864 sq.ft.) which is 50% (26.76 sq.m. [288 sq.ft.]) larger than the existing dwelling, and 3.2 m. (10'6") higher; the applicant also proposes to construct a new 13 m² (140sq.ft.) enclosed deck to replace the existing 3.3 m² (36 sq.ft.) open deck. The proposed dwelling would be located 9.8 m. (32') from the High Water Mark, whereas the existing dwelling is located 8.2 m. (27') from the High Water Mark.

PLMW2016009 - Part of Lot 3, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Anson, and being PLAN MINDEN; WEST PT LOT 13 & 14; municipally known as 15 Anson Street; and located on the Gull River.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of an attached garage addition to the existing, non-complying, dwelling which is located within the required setback from the High Water Mark. The proposed garage addition of 60m² (636 sq.ft) would exceed the 25% maximum allowable increase for a non-complying building; the garage addition is projected away from the High Water Mark and would not increase the extent of non-compliance.

PLMV2016010 - Part of Lot 15, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 15534 Highway 35.

Purpose and Effect of the Application: To permit the construction of a two storey accessory building (garage) having a height of 6.7 m. (22') whereas a maximum of one storey and a height of 4.5 m. (14'8") is otherwise permitted. The proposed garage would replace the existing, non-compliant, garage which is located within the required front yard; the proposed location of the replacement garage would rectify the front yard encroachment.

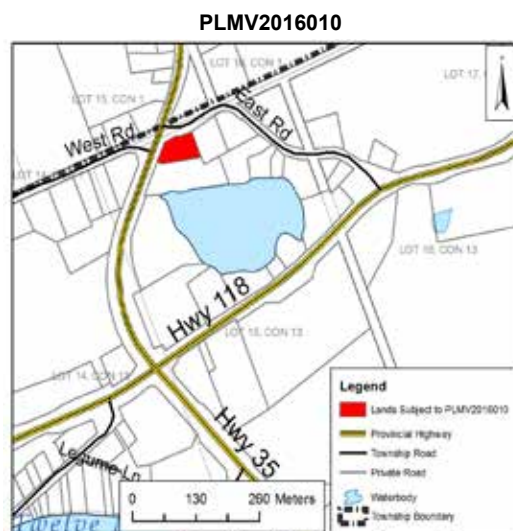
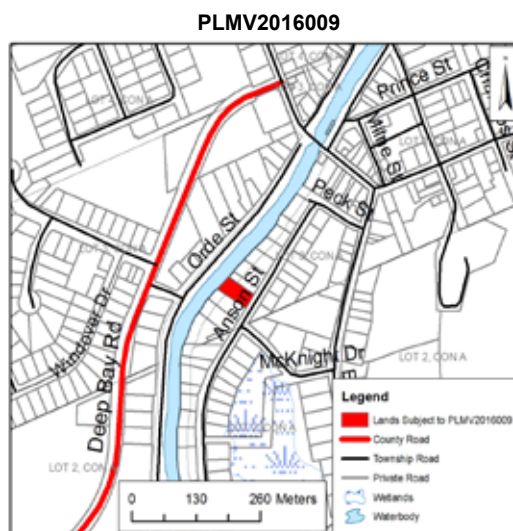
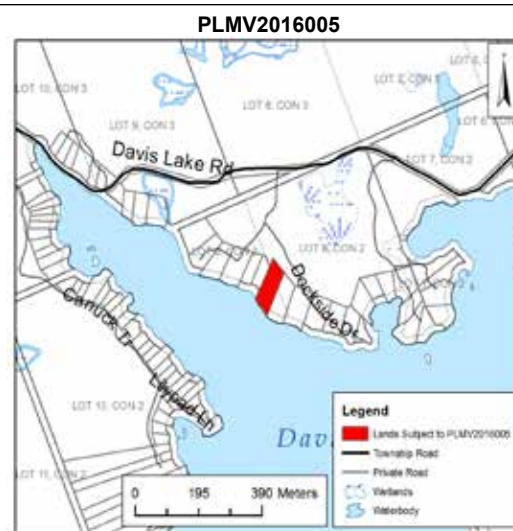
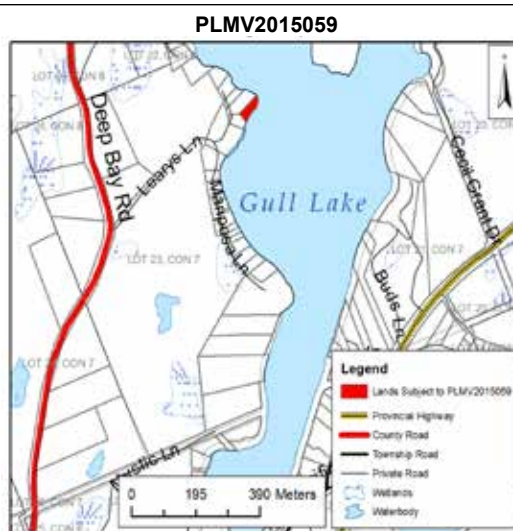
Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide your input, either in support or opposition to any of the proposed minor variances, by making a written submission to the Township or by speaking at the Public Hearing. If you do not attend the Public Hearing, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in the Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail iclending@m mindenhills.ca referencing the appropriate file number. If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, or make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

Additional information regarding the above noted applications is available online at www.minderhills.ca. Copies of the complete application are available for public inspection at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2016.

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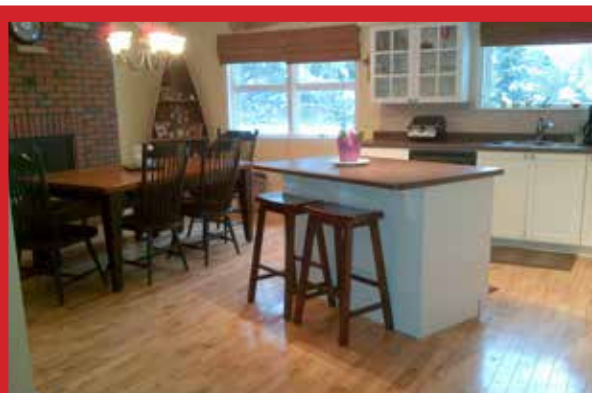


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TheHighlander 3-Stars of the Week

1

Colby Coumbs - Novice



Stats **G** **A** **GP**
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The Novice Highland Storm have been participating in exhibition games the last few weeks since bowing out to the Huntsville Otters in the second round of the playoffs. That hasn't deterred the Storm from playing a complete team game, which was prevalent this past weekend as the Storm took on the South Muskoka Bears in Minden. The Storm didn't trail once in the game, with Colby tallying the second Storm goal, early in the first frame.

2

Graeme Armstrong - Novice



Stats **G** **A** **GP**
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Graeme had set a torrid pace at the start of the season, factoring in on the score in nearly every game. Now, nearing the end of the season, it's impressive to see that his pace hasn't slowed, as he's averaging more than two points per game on the season. This weekend was no different, as Graeme recorded the empty netter to seal a 3-1 victory for the Storm.

3

Nathan Morrison - Novice



Stats **G** **A** **GP**
 0 1 1

Nathan earns a star this week for assuming the role as play maker on the Novice Highland Storm. For the instant accolades goal-scorers get, it's nice to recognize the players who start the play. Nathan added another helper to his already impressive total on the season, and has developed into one of the more reliable players on the team.

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Bowling Scores

Monday afternoon, Feb. 22

MEN: High: Claude Cote – 223 High single: Marty Shuster – 328 High single handi: Marty Shuster – 363 High triple: Claude Cote – 676 High triple handi: John Whitty – 748
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 177 High single: June Fortune – 198 High single handi: June Fortune – 266 High triple: June Fortune – 531 High triple handi: June Fortune – 648

Monday evening, Feb. 22

MEN: High avg: Rick West – 225 High single: Norm Goldberg – 245 High single handi: Norm Goldberg – 276 High triple: Norm Goldberg – 636 High triple handi: Norm Goldberg – 729
WOMEN: High avg: Cathy Snell – 235 High single: Nancy Charlton – 263 High single handi: Nancy Charlton – 298 High triple: Nancy Charlton – 698 High triple handi: Nancy Charlton – 803

Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 23

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 227 High single: Ken Thompson – 268 High single handi: Bill Fry – 302 High triple: Neil Darby – 701 High triple handi: Neil Darby – 779
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 178 High single: Chris Cote – 241 High single handi: Chris Cote – 279 High triple: Chris Cote – 628 High triple handi: Chris Cote – 742

Thursday afternoon, Feb. 25

MEN: High avg: Gerry Wagg – 185 High single: Jim Cummings – 223 High single handi: Jim Cummings – 273 High triple: Jim Cummings – 571 High triple handi: Jim Cummings – 721
WOMEN: High avg: Barb Ballantyne – 179 High single: Ellie Welch – 202 High single handi: Ellie Welch – 263 High triple: Barb Ballantyne – 555 High triple handi: Barb Ballantyne – 666

Friday afternoon, Feb. 19

MEN: High avg: Claude Cote – 214 High single: Claude Cote – 290 High single handi: Claude Cote – 337 High triple: Claude Cote – 770 High triple handi: Claude Cote – 803
WOMEN: High avg: Chris Cote – 178 High single: Chris Cote – 241 High single handi: Chris Cote – 279 High triple: Chris Cote – 593 High triple handi: Chris Cote – 701

Bancroft Jets soar through weekend

Submitted by Cindy Nesbitt

The Bancroft PeeWee Girls Jets continued to dominate the ice over the weekend. Saturday afternoon, the Jets played in Bancroft taking on the Cold Creek Comets. The first Jets' goal came from Hannah McMann, midway through the first period, assists going to Peyton Armstrong and Emma Tidey.

A series of battles developed during the second period, making the girls push hard to the net. Olivia Villamere added a second goal after Tidey passed her the puck through the Cold Creek players. Wanting to clinch the win, the Jets headed into the third period by taking control of the puck. Beth Brownlee wasted no time sniping one by the goaltender, unassisted. Tidey followed the lead with two more goals, one unassisted and one with assists going to Ryan Rupnow and Villamere. The Jets celebrated a 5-0 win with pride.

Jets vs. Eagles

Early Sunday morning, the team was on the ice in Ennismore. The Ennismore Eagles came out strong with repeated shots on net, Courtney Semach stood tall with glove and kick saves denying the Eagles any opportunities to score.

"Boom Boom" Tidey rushed the puck end to end, picking up her second unassisted goal of the weekend and putting the Jets on the board. Second period action saw shots on both goaltenders, but no ticks on the score sheet.

When the third period started, the "hound line" played with exhilarating sportsmanship. Charity Trotter banked a beauty in the net with assists going to Jaylin Frost and Emma Neuman.

Nearing the end of the game, Brownlee ripped in her second unassisted goal, giving the Jets the win with a final score of 3-0. These two wins allow the Bancroft Jets to successfully clinch first place in their division for OWSA Provincials in April.

Jets reports

Jets vs. Kats

The Jets then headed back to Haliburton to go head-to-head against the Peterborough Ice Kats for Game 1 of their playoff series.

Inhaling confidence and exhaling doubt, the girls were prepared to win face-offs and take possession of the puck. Courtney Semach defended her crease intensely, but the Ice Kats were able to find the back of the net and get on the scoreboard in the first period. Gaining control, Sterling Nesbitt and Beth Brownlee fed the puck ahead to Ava Smith who deked the opposition to tie it up.

Third period was fought with intensity and excellent net minding from both teams, but as time ran out, the score remained tied.

The Jets will finish playdowns on March 10 in Peterborough then regroup after March break for the last two games in the playoffs.

Novice for the win

Submitted by Amber Card

The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Sount Muskoka Bears at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena on March 5. The Storm launched the game with a goal by Kadin Card, followed by another awesome goal by Colby Coumbs. However, with only two seconds left in the second period, the Sount Muskoka Bears scored making it 2-1. Both teams fought hard in the third, but with only 30 seconds left, Graeme Armstrong scored on an empty net, making the final score 3-1 and securing the win for the Storm.



The Storm face off against the South Muskoka Bears.

Photo by Mark Arike

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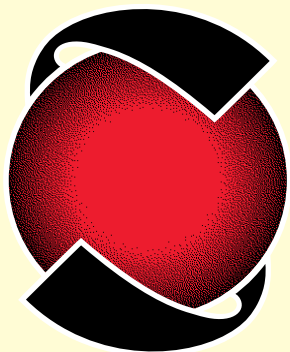
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Top: Lynzie Prah, 9, and her husky mix Rocky came first in the kid and mutt race. Above: Two young participants wait to take off at the starting line in the kid and mutt race.

Record number of mushers attend dogsled derby

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With hundreds of spectators lining the track – and more racers than ever before – the 14th annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby was one of the most successful events of its kind, according to organizers.

"It's all come together wonderfully," said organizer Tanya McCready.

Some 115 mushers travelled from Canada and the U.S. to take part in the derby, held at the Pinestone Resort & Conference Centre in Haliburton, March 5 and 6. Race categories included one- and two-dog skijoring, kid and mutt, four- to eight-dog races, and youth/

novice races.

The event offered a \$5,000 purse.

Local competitors Michaela McCready-DeBruin came in first in the youth race and Karen Koehler came in first in the one-dog skijoring.

About 30 volunteers and 25 sponsors made the event possible, said McCready. The Haliburton and District Lions Club hosted a barbecue close to the centre of the action.

McCready and her husband, Hank DeBruin, own Winterdance Dogsled Tours in Haliburton. They recently returned from competing in the 1,000-mile Yukon Quest dogsled race.



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Left: James Keelaghan addresses the audience. Top: October Browne wows concertgoers with a solo performance. Above: The crowd bursts into applause as the performers go on stage for Saturday's concert.

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Wanakita hosts folk extravaganza

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Four days of folk music filled the air at Camp Wanakita during the eighth annual Winter Folk Camp (WFC).

Fifty-seven participants – the second highest number of registrants to date – enrolled in this year's camp held March 4-7.

"It was beyond my expectations," said Thom Lambert, artistic director and program director. "The chemistry both between the artists and between the artists and participants – which is always the unknown ingredient in the whole recipe – was amazing."

The camp offered five, one-and-a-half hour stream sessions including songwriting with James Keelaghan, ukulele with David

Woodhead, blues with Rita Chiarelli, singing with Jane Lewis, "musical lunchbox" with October Browne and harmonica with Roly Platt.

Two concerts, known as ceilidhs, were held during the weekend with the same artists who led the workshops. More than 100 people attended both shows.

"I believe that it was the largest crowd we have had at a WFC concert," said Lambert, referring to Sunday's performance featuring Chiarelli, Platt and Lewis.

Next year's folk camp has been scheduled for March 3-6 at the same venue. The camp is a project of the Haliburton County Folk Society and the Haliburton County Community Cooperative.

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ACROSS

1. Lettuce dish
6. Intentions
10. Eden dweller
14. Wonderland girl
15. Send by post
16. Musician _____ McEntire
17. Penn and Connery
18. "The Diary of _____ Frank"
19. Future sign
20. Shows (a movie)
22. Beach
24. Colonize again
26. Responds
30. Locality
31. Excitement
34. Register
35. Cincinnati baseballers
36. 12th mo.
37. Korea's locale

DOWN

1. Talk back
2. Actor _____ Baldwin
3. Deceiver
4. Teen's woe
5. Abandons
6. Accumulate
7. Actor _____ McKellen
8. Medieval singer
9. Rained ice
10. Moved upward
11. _____ Moore of "G.I. Jane"
12. Still snoozing
13. Horse's hair
21. Robin's residence
23. Poor me!
25. Sooner
26. All set
27. Come afterward
28. Foreigner
29. Undercover gp.
31. Goodbye (Sp.)
32. Compact
33. Eight musicians
38. _____ decorator
39. Museum offering
41. Provides workers
42. Strong
43. Velvety growth
44. Not indoors
48. Tiny landmass
49. Soothes
50. Trickle
51. Modernize
52. Snaky swimmers
54. Original thought
55. River sediment
56. Shopping bag
57. Celebrity
60. For
38. Sick
39. Isn't, slangily
40. Payable now
41. Short skirt
43. Sullen
45. Craving
46. Poker stake
47. Beginning
48. Loan charge
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MARCH 15

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MARCH 17

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MARCH 2016 EVENTS	
THURSDAY MARCH 10	SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca
FRIDAY MARCH 11	PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 12	13th Annual UKRAINIAN EASTER EGG WORKSHOP – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 1:00pm - \$5 per person – Space is limited call 705-766-9968 LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
SUNDAY MARCH 13	FREE PUBLIC SKATING – Keith Tallman Arena – 12:30pm – 2:00pm
MONDAY MARCH 14	TAOIST TAI CHI – Galway Community Centre Kinmount – 10:00am – 12:00pm - Call 705-457-5829 PICKLE BALL – Lloyd Watson Centre – 3:30pm – 6:00pm
TUESDAY MARCH 15	TAOIST TAI CHI – Zion United Church Camarvon – 10:00am – 12:00pm Call 705-457-5829 SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm
WEDNESDAY MARCH 16	TAOIST TAI CHI – Lloyd Watson Centre Wilberforce – 2:00pm – 4:00pm Call 705-457-5829 BINGO – Lloyd Watson Centre – 7:30pm – 9:30pm PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 2:00pm – 6:00pm
THURSDAY MARCH 17	SQUASH HOUSE LEAGUE - 7:30pm Highlands Squash Club – beside A.J. LaRue Arena – all welcome info@mysquash.ca TRIBUTE TO THE IRISH EVENING - 5:30pm Beef Stew Dinner and 7:00pm The Highlands Trio Show at Minden United Church. Call 705-286-1305
FRIDAY MARCH 18	PICKLE BALL – Dorset Rec Centre – 9:00am – 12:00pm
SATURDAY MARCH 19	HALIBURTON LAND TRUST – Reptiles Road Show – Fish Hatchery 6712 Gelert Rd. – 1:00pm – 4:00pm - \$15 adult - \$10 child - \$20 Family Pass SKATING CARNIVAL – Keith Tallman Arena – 6:30pm – 8:30pm LIBRARY – Dorset Rec Centre – 10:00am – 12:00pm HALIBURTON & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB – Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown – Haliburton Legion – 5:00pm – 9:00pm - \$25/person – Call Lion Linda 705-457-2064

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH General Meeting, 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m. Meat Draw, Fridays, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/ draw, five draws/five prizes, Chester Howse, MC Easter Bonus Meat Draw, Friday, March 18th and special Good Friday Meat Draw to be held March 24 Cribbage, Friday, 1 p.m. Friday Fun Darts, 4:30 p.m. 50/50 Draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. Breakfast, 2nd and 4th Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., \$6/person. Occasional volunteers needed. Bridge, Monday 1 p.m. Dart Night League, Tuesday, 7 p.m. Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. Bingo, Wednesday, doors open 6 p.m., \$500 jackpot, \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month. St. Patrick's Day Luncheon in the Main	Hall, Thursday, March 17, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Irish stew, coleslaw and dessert prepared by the Ladies Auxiliary, \$8 adults. Kids 12 and under are \$4. Legion Facelift Fundraiser in the Main Hall, Saturday April 9th 4:30 p.m. Open house/ silent and live auction/roast beef dinner, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, live music and dancing, featuring The Highlands Trio. Only \$25 per person. For tickets, email legionfacelift@hotmail.com or call 705-457-2571. MINDEN BRANCH Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Mixed Darts, Friday 7:30 p.m. Big Euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays), noon, \$12 Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-5p.m.	Lunch Menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m. Liver Lovers' Special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also) Meat Draws, Wednesday lunch time. Thursday Take-out meals, pick-up after 6 p.m. Call between 2-6 p.m. for menu and to place your order. WILBERFORCE BRANCH Youth League, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Thursday Pool, 1:30 p.m., Friday Jam Session, 7:30 p.m., Friday Community 55+ Lunch, 12 p.m., Friday, call Gwen Otto to reserve at 705-448-2106. Meat Draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. Early Bird 3 p.m. sharp L.A. Breakfast, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. Fun Darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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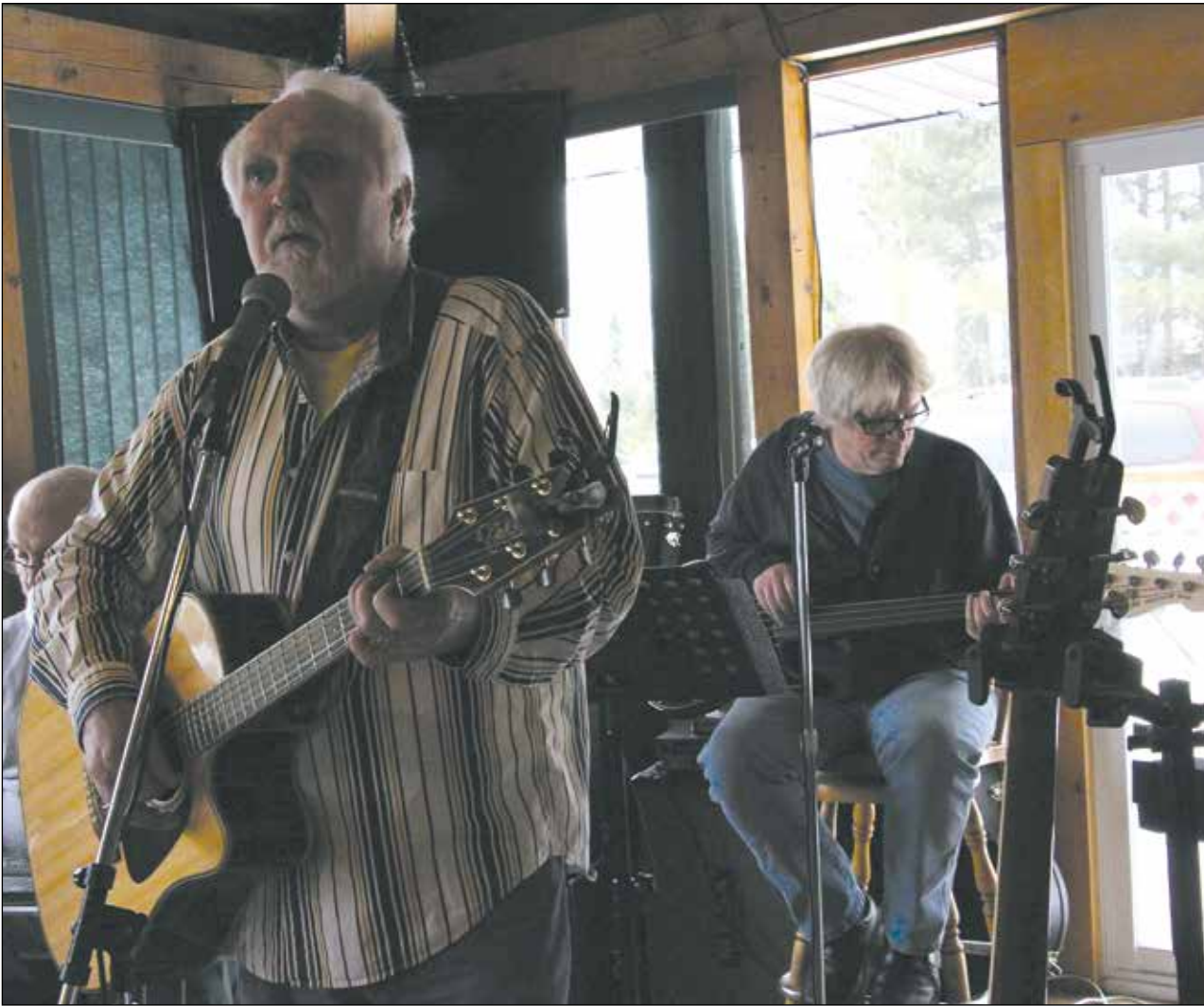


Photo by Alex Coop

Gord Kidd and Friends perform at the Minden Legion on a Saturday afternoon. The band will provide the music for the Haliburton and District Lions Club's Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown event.

Lowdown on the hoedown

By Alex Coop

Staff writer

Haliburton's line-dancing enthusiasts have an event to look forward to March 19.

"People like to do the hoedown," said Linda Heeps, secretary of the Haliburton and District Lions Club. "There's a whole catch pool of line dancers out there [and], they're really looking forward to this."

The club will be running its second annual Chuck Wagon Dinner and Hoedown at the Haliburton Legion. It will feature Gord Kidd and Friends, who were last year's entertainment as well.

Heeps said she's excited to see the hoedown become so popular and looks forward to seeing a mixed crowd attend the event.

"A lot of the Lions bring their families, so it's not unusual to see teenagers and young kids coming out," she said.

Lions Club members from Kinmount have expressed a lot of interest in the hoedown, Heeps said. She's already sold eight tickets to the Kinmount group.

Andrea Mueller, recreation program coordinator for Dysart, said she expects a lot of the enthusiasts who attend the line-dancing classes at A.J. LaRue Arena on Wednesdays to flock to the hoedown.

"It's a great social event," she said. "You can hear them during their classes upstairs ... they have so much fun."

For those who love all things Western, there will be a western-themed photo station throughout the evening.

The event will start at 5 p.m. Dinner's at 6 p.m., and everything is slated to wrap up by 9 p.m.

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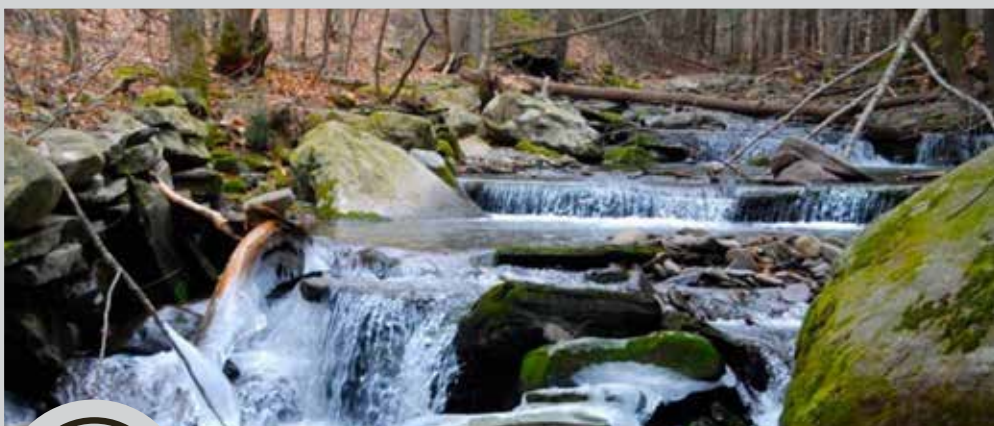
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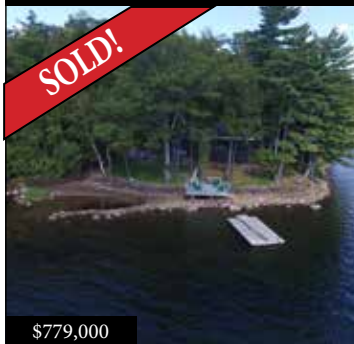
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